

The Subcommittee on School Committee Policies met on Friday, October 17, 2025, in the Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Kathy Bent, Peter Goode, Sara Ahern, Kristen Harmon, Albert Mercado, and Jen Kruczek.

Ms. Bent called the meeting to order at 2:02PM.

### **Minutes**

- Motion by Mr. Goode, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the meeting Minutes of September 26, 2025.

### **Review Policy IKFE (Competency Determination)**

- Ms. Bent stated she did not receive any feedback on this policy.
- Dr. Ahern stated there was a suggestion. For class of 2026, add that if they met competency determination by passing the MCAS prior to the change in the law, then they would have met the requirements.
- Albert Mercado asked about the competency determination of passing MCAS. The Committee discussed.
- Mr. Goode asked if the district could still use the MCAS score for competency. Dr. Ahern stated districts are moving away from it due to the vote. She believes there is a restriction from using it.
- Ms. Harmon stated she has the list of students who met competency for class of 2026 through MCAS.

### **Review Policy IKF (Graduation Requirements)**

- Ms. Bent stated she did not receive any feedback on this policy. No one else on the Committee had either. There were no changes.

### **Discuss a New Middle School Pathway Exploration Policy**

- Dr. Ahern stated Ms. Harmon did outreach to neighboring districts and they were not going to the School Committee to approve the policy. Now a month later, 70% of MA districts are bringing their policy to the School Committee. They were working on a policy and it is very procedural. Bob Sanborn, Cape Cod Tech, put this new policy together and sent it to his districts. She did tweaks to make it about Barnstable. She thinks the district should keep its procedures, but that this is the policy at the School Committee level.
- Ms Bent and Mr. Goode both liked the policy.
- Mr. Mercado noticed they took out the MyCap language for middle school. In the regulations, it is supposed to start in grade 6.
- Dr. Ahern removed the grades 8-12 language.
- Mr. Mercado also noted an incorrect link in the document.

### **Review Policy KI (Visitors to Schools)**

- Ms. Bent thought the Barnstable policy was confusing with special education families.
- Dr. Ahern stated they are two different things. There is a cross reference to the special education visitors to school policy.
- Ms. Bent liked the shorter MASC policy.
- Mr. Goode also liked the MASC policy.
- Dr. Ahern agreed and stated the Barnstable policy is procedural.
- Ms. Harmon stated visitors need to know that they need to provide identification. Ms. Bent added a line in the MASC policy about all visitors must provide current government-issued photo IDs to enter the building.

### **Create Policy ECAB (Access to Building and Grounds)**

- Ms. Bent asked if there are any buildings occupied by School employees that the Schools do not own. Dr. Ahern stated the School Administration Building and the FCEC is at the HYCC.

### **Review Policy GBEBC (Gifts to and Solicitation by Staff)**

- Ms. Bent stated the district is adding the raffles and games language from the MASC policy to the Barnstable policy.
- Dr. Ahern stated the only exception to the district's practice is the sentence "all gifts and donations must be accepted by the School Committee". The School Committee does accept monetary donations. Dr. Ahern accepts physical donations.

### **Review Policy JJE (Student Fund-Raising Activities)**

- Ms. Bent added the MASC sentence on games of chance. The Committee agreed.

**Review Policy KBE (Relations with Parent/Booster Organizations)**

- Ms. Bent added the games of chance and raffle language. The Committee agreed.

**Create Policy EFBA (School Food and Nutrition - Meal Modifications)**

- Ms. Bent stated this is a new MASC policy that Barnstable will adopt.

**Create Policy KBG (Parent Advisory Councils)**

- Ms. Bent stated this is a new MASC policy that Barnstable will adopt.

**Next Steps**

- Ms. Bent will send Ms. Kruczek the updated versions of the policies.

Motion by Mr. Goode, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:06PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek  
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